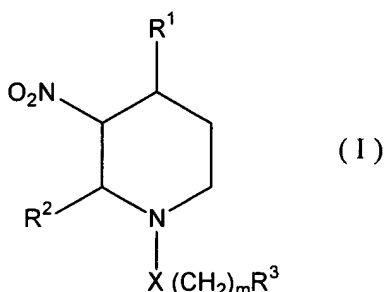


a.) Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A piperidine derivative represented by formula (I):



wherein

m represents an integer of 0 to 5;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and

X represents a bond or CO;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein the heterocyclic groups in R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently represent benzopyranyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, furyl, imidazolyl, imidazothiazolyl, indolyl, piperidyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyridyl N-oxide, pyrazolinyl, pyrazolyl, ~~thiadiazolyl~~, thiadiazolyl or thienyl.

2. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, and R<sup>2</sup> is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group.

3. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 1 and X is a bond.

4. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 2, wherein m is 1 and X is a bond.

5. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as an active ingredient the piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 4, and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a patient with ~~colon and pancreatic~~ colon or pancreatic cancer, which comprises administering to said patient a pharmacologically effective amount of the piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 4.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of treating a patient according to claim 9, wherein the tumor is pancreatic cancer.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of treating a patient according to claim 9, wherein the tumor is colon cancer.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of treating a patient according to claim 6, wherein the ~~colon and pancreatic~~ colon or pancreatic cancer is a tumor.

10. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein  $m$  is 0.

11. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein  $m$  is 1.

12. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein  $m$  is 2.

13. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein  $m$  is 3.

14. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein  $m$  is 4.

15. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein  $m$  is 5.

16. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 10, wherein X is a bond.

17. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 12, wherein X is a bond.

18. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 13, wherein X is a bond.

19. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 14, wherein X is a bond.

20. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 15, wherein X is a bond.

21. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 10, wherein X is CO.

22. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 11, wherein X is CO.

23. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 12, wherein X is CO.

24. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 13, wherein X is CO.

25. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 14, wherein X is CO.

26. (Previously Presented) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 15 wherein X is CO.